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CHINESE ATTACK ON PEIPING FEARED

Japanese Military Take Stringent Measures

MORE MYSTERY JAPANESE TROOP MOVES

Tsingtao, To-day.
It is reliably reported that the Japanese troops are withdrawing from the Kiao-Tsi Railway in Shantung.

Garrisons are being maintained at the important stations on the railway only.

Foreigners are not permitted to travel on the railway until further notice.

There has been a large withdrawal of military equipment from Tsingtao during the last few days.

Wharf admission was prohibited to civilians yesterday. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI WARNING ABOUT REFUGEES

Shanghai, To-day.

Drastic reforms in the local relief administration must be undertaken in order to prevent charity from becoming a serious demoralising factor in the habits of the city's refugees, is recommended by Mr. John Earl Baker, Director of the Shanghai International Red Cross, in a letter to the executive committee.

Mr. Baker points out that the problem of the refusal able-bodied refugees to work and the tendency to stay in camps as long as there were ample rations to satisfy hunger was becoming acute, and charitable organisations cannot solve this problem they debunk sentimentalism and face facts. — Reuter.

CANTON CHOLERA

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Canton on account of cholera, but the restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton on account of small-pox have been removed.

Artillery And Tanks In Squares Ready For Action

Peiping, To-day.

Peiping is full of rumours that a boldly conceived attack by Chinese on Tientsin and Peiping is about to take place immediately. One report talks of 100,000 Chinese soldiers, armed with tanks and artillery, that are assembled in the mountains west of Peiping.

At all events, it is undisputed that the Chinese civil authorities of both large cities and the Japanese military have taken great precautions.

The gates of Peiping, in the last few days, have been closed and not opened again till 8 o'clock the next morning.

On some squares in Peiping, artillery has been drawn up and tanks stand prepared. These unconfirmable rumours seem to have arisen from the fact that the First Anniversary of the Taking of Peiping by the Japanese is near at hand. The Japanese, seem to expect that there will be disturbances.

Moreover, it is a fact that in the mountains not far from Peiping a great number of Chinese irregulars have gathered. A few days ago when Anniversary of the outbreak of the War occurred, bands of these irregulars forced their way right up to the gates of Peiping and put the Power Works out of action. — Trans-Ocean.

JAP. TROUBLES AT KIUKIANG

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
GUERRILLAS ARE HARASSING THE JAPANESE AT KIUKIANG, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE DESPATCHES FROM THAT AREA THIS MORNING.

Confusion and fear reigns among the non-combatants in and around Kiukiang and the Japanese, endeavouring to establish order, have met with no success.

Snipers are reported to be active in the city and these have accounted for many Japanese soldiers. — Our Own Correspondent.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' PROTEST

A special meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held last evening to consider letters received by the Association protesting against Government's proposal to erect a refugee camp on the Marina, Kowloon.

It was felt that this site, as well as that at Kowloon Tsai, are open to grave objection in view of the probability of disease, noise and crime being aggravated. It was decided to write to Government protesting against the use of these sites and a deputation of three was appointed to seek an interview with Government to discuss the possibility of alternative sites.

NEW H.K.V.D.C. COMMANDANT

It is understood that the new Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will be Major H. B. Rose, of the 1st. Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment, which is stationed at Bangalore.

He is expected to arrive in the

Colony within a week or two. Major E. J. R. Mitchell has temporarily assumed the duties of Commandant.

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"What we usually take for a chip on a man's shoulder," says ironic Irene, "is really his block head."

When buying sheets, always allow at least 10 inches on each side and top and bottom, as the bed will never stay neat with sheets that are too short.

The best oven temperature for baking ham is between 250 and 275 degrees Fahrenheit. This gives a most delicious ham which slices well. If a glazed appearance is desired, use a left-over sweetened fruit juice for basting the ham. This also adds to the flavour.

To remove a spot of oil spilled on a rug, rub the spot with benzine until it disappears.

CLUB SANDWICHES

Toast.
Sliced cold chicken.
Sliced cooked bacon.
Lettuce leaves.
Sliced tomatoes.
Mayonnaise.

For each sandwich, toast three slices of bread from which crusts have been removed. Arrange lettuce, chicken, bacon and tomatoes on one piece of toast. Spread with mayonnaise, cover with another slice of toast and repeat the process, making a "double decker." Garnish with lettuce leaves. The tomatoes may be omitted.—Edith M. Barber.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Your actions on this date possibly will make you new friends or enemies, so keep careful control over them. Vision is liable to be responsible for many of the mistakes made on this day, especially in the failure to recognize people. Keep your eyes open, so you will avoid the possibility of slighting someone through the failure to speak to them. Be very careful what you write or sign for carelessness in this respect is liable to get you into hot water. Do boldly whatever you have to do, without signs of hesitation, for any evidence of timidity will weaken your position regarding some matter of importance.

Remember, true friends are comparatively few in number, and their real friendship can only be proven through actual tests. Do not mistake the spirit of sociability for that of loyal devotion and discussing too freely your intimate personal affairs.

If a woman and July 29th is your birthday, you are probably quick of movement, light of foot, with a very delicate sense of touch. Your feet and hands may have much to do with your having a successful career. You ought to be able

to wear clothes with an exceptional amount of style. Be cautious how you reject advice, or undertake to do something you have very little actual knowledge about.

The child born on July 29 frequently is either very artistic or a great lover of things of a purely mechanical nature. Before it arrives at its majority it, in all likelihood, will have definitely decided upon the career it wishes to follow, and it ought to be permitted to do so.

Sweeping oilcloths and linoleums wears them as much as walking on them. An oiled mop or dry mop is much better to use on them. A coat of wax frequently applied helps to preserve both oilcloth and linoleum.

Flaked salmon and chopped cucumber pickles moistened with mayonnaise make a tasty sandwich filling.

Before removing a soiled tablecloth and napkins look for fruit stains and put camphor on them. Then wash the same as any white goods.

Chair Complaints

By ELIZABETH MacRAE BOYKIN

If the men in your family are big fellows, the chances are you have Chair Complaint. That's our official name for that common household ailment—chairs that come apart or fall down completely.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Here are a few preventatives and remedies:

Buy stout chairs to begin with. The dainty numbers and the bargains are not for you. Hard wood is, of course, the first requirement. Generally, you'll find that chairs

have no rough surfaces to the touch and joinings should be almost invisible.

LET IT PASS

Tilting back in chairs is hard on them of course. But if stopping that involves nagging and threatens the happiness of home and hearth, better let that pass. Just make a point to have the chair repaired at the first creak because then it can be repaired without any damage being done. If you let it go till it's ready to fall apart, the chair may be permanently injured.

When repairing furniture, use ambroid in place of glue, as it holds much better. Plastic wood is another boon when you get on to using it.

THE INSIDE STORY

As for upholstered chairs, well, that's something else still, but most of the same rule of purchasing apply. The hard wood frame should be braced, glued and screwed—never nailed. Legs should run from floor to top of back as well as to top of seat. Webbing should be wide and closely tacked; there should be plenty of springs well tied and sewed separately to a burlap casing. Horsehair filling, at least 75 per cent, will assure you good service, and you'll do well to make sure there is a muslin cover underneath the upholstered covering. A good upholstered chair will assure satisfactory service—a poor one will be no bargain however low the price.

The same rule for immediate repairs applies even more to upholstered chairs. Have them fixed as soon as they begin to sag and you'll save money in the long run.



Do you have Chair Complaint in your family?

with a continuous post from the floor to the top of the back are stronger than chairs with separate back legs. And the front legs should be a continuous post from floor to top of seat—not just doweled into the bottom of seat. Intricately carved chair backs, such as lyre backs, are stronger if made of a laminated piece of wood instead of a solid piece for longest wear. And of course joints should be fitted in the right way. The finish should

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KEEP THAT FORM DIVINE

(By ELSIE PIERCE)

If I could flash some warning shadows via a shadowgraph, I am sure you would vow right here and now to keep that form divine.

The shadow pictures are used for several purposes—chiefly as a before and after study of your posture and your measurements in conjunction with their figure contouring course. However, your own mirror can tell you the same story. The point is: will you take it to heart quite as much. Study yourself in the mirror, full view and profile. Picture your figure in silhouette and you have a shadow picture in your mind's eye. But remember—warning shadows.

Curve Control

Curves are definitely in vogue; the straight-as-sticks, boyish form is long passe. But feminine curves are not the overdeveloped variety. The youthful figure, with just a suggestion of curve is the one worth working for, worth keeping, worth controlling.

Perhaps you are quite an athlete, do a lot of exercising outdoors, play a good game of golf, do yourself so proud on the tennis court that your husband-to-be finds you a real challenge. And perhaps after you are married there will be less time for exercise or less opportunity. In that case, do as much as you can and make up the difference by setting up exercises at home.

Perhaps you have been very careful about your diet, eating just what is good and good for you and taking enough calories for a maintenance diet, but not enough to give you surplus fat. Fine. But perhaps after you are married you will have to add some of the other foods. Compromise somewhere—eat a little less in that case. Do what you have to, but keep that form divine.

There are just two excuses from controlling your own curves: illness and the doctor's orders that you need more fattening food and less exercise, or motherhood when a protective diet is important. Otherwise, there is wise diet control to be had for the asking; there is exercise, and all you need is the will to keep that lovely, girlish figure!

WHY MENU DEMANDS SPECIAL THOUGHT

This dinner menu is suitable for parties when such foods as salmon, lobster, poultry and strawberries and cream invariably figure on the luncheon menus.

*Cantaloup Melon
Consomme Brunoise
Sole au Vin blanc
Tournedos Rossini
New Potatoes Broad Beans
Asparagus
Baba au Rhum*

Prepare the required number of fillets of sole and place them in a shallow casserole with a thinly-sliced onion, seasoning, and a bouquet of herbs. Add small pats of butter and cover with white wine and water. Cook slowly, remove the fish and strain the liquor in which it was cooked. Thicken carefully with an egg yolk and pour on to fish. Serve hot.

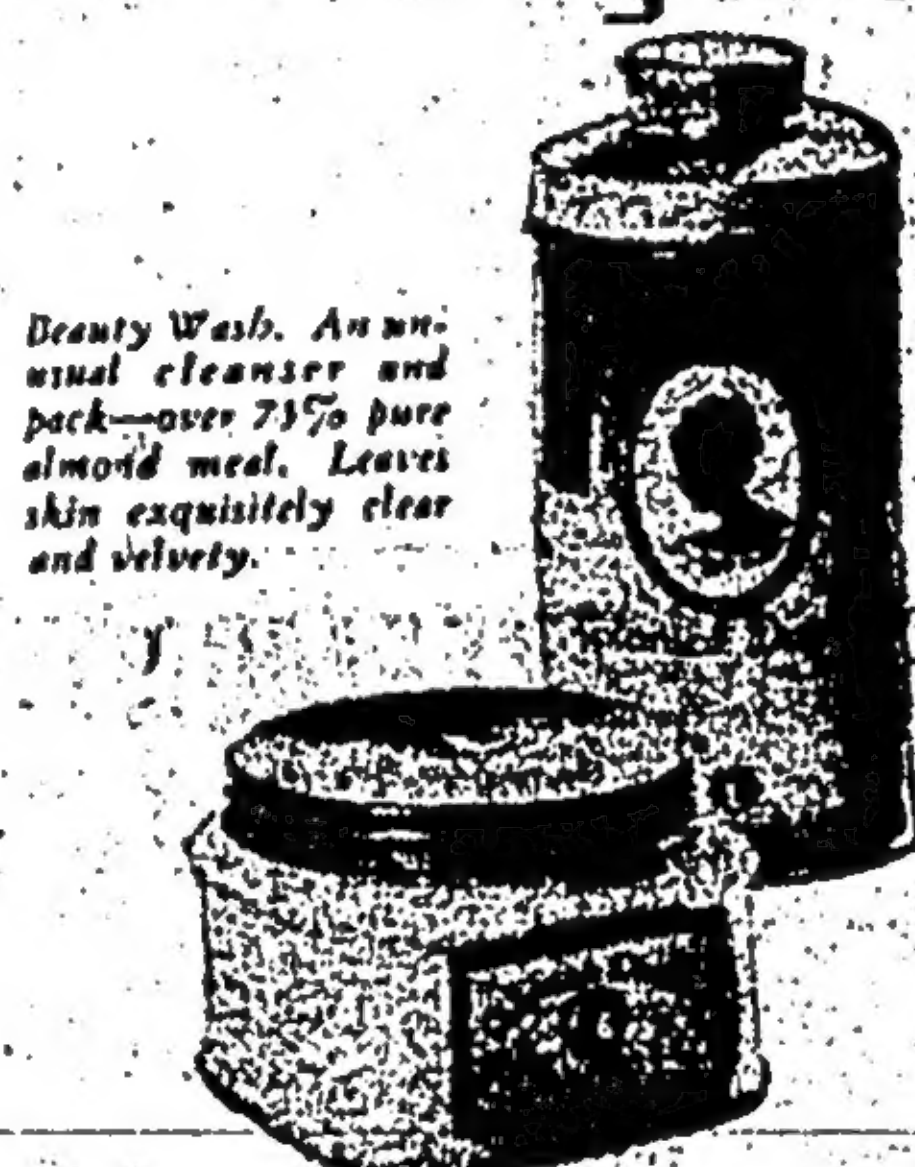
For the tournedos cut small rounds from fillet of beef, season, and cook in a buttered pan for a few minutes. They should be un-

Witty Kitty



The red-headed stenographer says she's sure old man Sol has it in for her since all she gets out of a day on the beach is a crop of freckles.

derdone when finished. Serve each tournedo on a round of toast and garnish with small slices of foie gras and truffle. Put a glass of Madeira into the pan, stir, and when hot pour over the tournedos.

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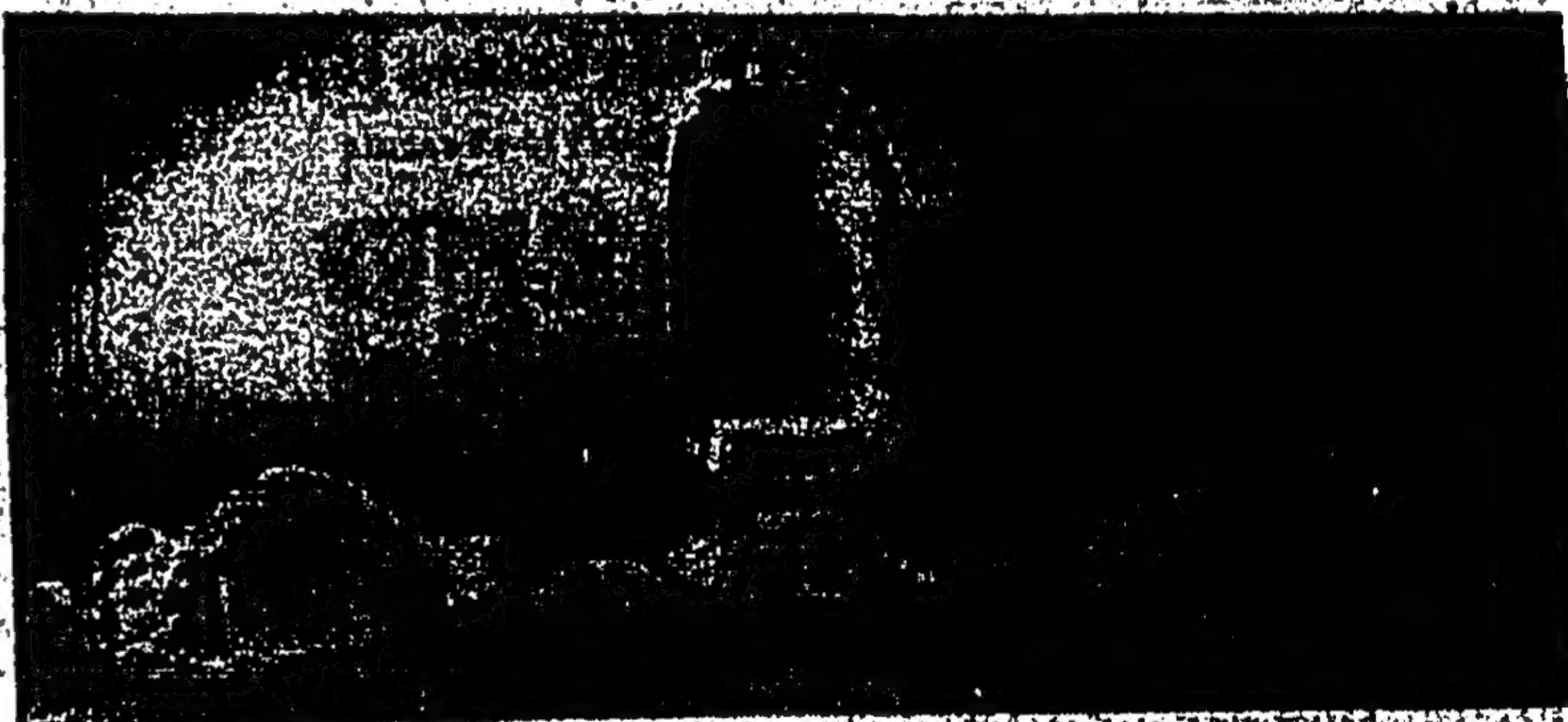
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MAGISTRATE GOES INTO WITNESS BOX

Mr. H. R. Butters, senior Police Magistrate, was a witness at the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. Edwards, when Mr. R. C. Beavan, of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, was summoned at the instance of the Hon. Mr. Sidney Caine, Financial Secretary, with driving in Stubbs Road without due care and caution.

He was fined \$10.

Mr. Caine said that, on July 1, at about 10 a.m., he was driving in Stubbs Road, at about 20 miles an hour. At a bend between Wanchai Gap and Wong Nei-cheong gap he saw car No. 279 on the wrong side of the road; a yard or so on the wrong side.

He was forced to pull up sharply to avoid a collision. The car did not stop.

Mr. Butters, giving evidence, said he was following Mr. Caine's car, which he recognised. He was doing about 20 miles an hour. Coming to an incline, before entering the straight, he saw Mr. Caine's car stop and he pulled up too. A car travelling in the opposite direction passed them on its own side of the road.

Mr. Beavan, giving evidence, said that the first thing he knew of the incident was when his passenger remarked that he had passed a car rather closely. He recalled seeing the two cars, one of which he knew belonged to Mr. Butters. The road was wide at the bend and there was no reason, even if he had been 10 yards from the left side for a car to pull up. He was driving a small car.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES

The proprietor of the Kowloon Confectionery, No. 68, Nathan Road, was complainant this morning before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Police Court, when two employees, Lam Yuk-sang, 29, assistant book-keeper, and Lau Wing 20, delivery coolie, were charged with embezzlement.

Det.-Sergt. A. F. Cochrane, who prosecuted, said that complainant inspected the books on Wednesday and discovered defalcations by first defendant of \$580, over the past six months. Second defendant had embezzled sums of \$4.40 and \$3.86.

First defendant was remanded in police custody, while second defendant, was sentenced to 6 weeks' hard labour, and ordered to pay \$3.26 amends to complainant, or another seven days.

TAKING THE CURE

Budapest, To-day.

The Queen Mother of Egypt, accompanied by her daughters, arrived here by train from Venice yesterday, and was received at the station by the son of the Regent, Admiral Horthy, as well as representatives of the government and the Egyptian Minister to Budapest. It is stated that the Queen Mother will take the cure at the Hungarian Spa.—Trans-Ocean.

D. Needham, chief officer of s.s. Kwang Chow has reported the loss of 200 canvas screens and 150 fat-tin of petrol caught fire while he was cleaning a bus.

THEFT OF FOREIGN STAMPS

Li Kwai, 28, hawk, this morning pleaded not guilty when brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy, charged with breaking and entering No. 57 Queen's Road Central, and stealing a quantity of foreign stamps.

A foki gave evidence of finding the lock broken and the stamps in the showcases missing.

Investigating, he went to Upper Lascar Road, and after a short while, saw defendant enter a shop and asked the owner if he wanted to buy stamps. The offer was refused. Witness followed him to another shop, where defendant asked the master to show him some stamps, and then asked him if he wanted to buy some from him at 30 cents per hundred. When defendant opened a suit case to show the stamps, witness recognised them as the stolen property. Defendant was arrested at the junction of Pottinger Street and Wellington Street.

Hearing was adjourned.

EIGHT EUROPEANS SUMMONED

Eight Europeans, including two absentees, were summoned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen for traffic offences.

Mr. W. C. Palmer was fined \$5 for allowing Mr. K. H. Helm, an unlicensed driver, to drive his car, while the latter was fined \$10 for driving without a licence.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on Lieut. A. F. D. Colson for passing another car on the left bend side in the controlled area in Nathan Road.

Messrs. K. Dember, G. S. Tarr and E. B. David, were fined \$5 each for leaving their cars unattended on the wrong side of Saigon Street.

The absentee summons were adjourned for a week.

MR. SAGE FINED

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. William Chester Sage, the American engineer who last Saturday was reported missing, was fined \$15, on pleading guilty to the breach of Registration Ordinance by failing to report, within one week, his intention to change his address.

Defendant said he misunderstood the law.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. S. J. Edwards prosecuted.

EUROPEAN CHILD INJURED

The three-year-old son of Mr. C. W. Brand, of the Fire Brigade, is at the Kowloon Hospital as the result of an accident yesterday. He received abrasions about the face and legs when he fell from his father's car in Nathan Road. The door flew open as he was turning into Salisbury Road.

Szeto Wing, aged 24, car cleaner, was yesterday admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from burns to both hands. A small tin of petrol caught fire while he was cleaning a bus.

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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT. JULY 29, 1938

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

COLLINGHAM opened his eyes, but in the darkness he could distinguish nothing. He realised that he was lying down, and that he felt very cold.

Cautiously, his fingers began to explore. They touched a leg, his own. It seemed to be quite normal, made of ordinary flesh and blood. He moved his head, but his neck was stiff, and the slight jerk sent a shooting pain right down to the base. He raised his fingers and touched his head. It was swathed in bandages.

The knowledge gave him pleasure, and intense relief from the sickening horrifying fear of the unknown. So he wasn't dead. He couldn't be dead. Thank God. Curious that he, of all people, should be afraid of death. Never been afraid before.

With infinite care, he moved his head to the left, and saw that a woman was sitting before the fire. The glow was very faint, but it made his eyes ache. It was so faint that he failed to recognise the woman.

His teeth began to chatter. He was suddenly afflicted with what he described to himself as the "staggers." No matter how much he tried, he was powerless to stop that hideous, spasmodic shaking of the limbs and body.

"I say!" he cried suddenly, "I'm cold, desperately cold!"

The woman moved her chair, and got up. He could see the dim silhouette of her figure.

"Lie still," she said, "I'll get you another hot water bottle."

As he recognised her voice, he knew that he was neither dead nor dreaming; yet, at the same time, he knew that something dreadful had happened. He tried to remember what it was, but the pain in his head prevented it. He found himself growing vaguely angry as his memory defied him. Vaguely angry and very nervous. The idea of losing his memory had always filled him with horror and loathing.

"I don't want a bottle," he said, "I'm going to sit by the fire," and made a weak, pitiful attempt to get out of bed.

The woman, Mrs. Brunner, his landlady, crossed towards him, and grasped his shoulder. The grasp was firm, but quite unnecessary. Collingham fell back on to the pillow. It seemed as though all the strength had gone from his body.

"Get me a bottle, then," he gasped.

"I will," Mrs. Brunner returned to the fire. He heard the sound of water being poured from a jug into the kettle. It was a homely sound, and gave him confidence.

"What's the matter, Mrs. Brunner? How did I get to bed? Was I drunk?"

"No. You've had an accident."

"Oh. What sort of accident? What's happened to my head?"

"You've cut it. Lost a lot of blood. Now try and go to sleep. The doctor said you'd got to have as much sleep as possible."

"The doctor...?" He paused, trying to capture his elusive memory. Vague, shadowy recollections began to pierce the veil of oblivion. Yet the effort made his head ache so much that he was content to let them disappear.

"Yes, we sent for the doctor. Now try and go to sleep. The water's nearly on the boil, and I

push the bottle in between the sheets without disturbing you."

Almost before she had finished speaking, he had slipped again into unconsciousness. Mrs. Brunner yawned, and drew her dressing-gown closer. The night was cold. No wonder poor Collingham felt it. As she poured the water into the kettle she thought of the bloodstained towels in the bathroom. What a mess! Blood on the landing, down the stairs, in the hall. Blood everywhere. Like a shambles. Thank heaven Horace had been at home. In some respects Horace was not the ideal husband, but in an emergency, and when it came to doing unpleasant jobs, you could rely on him. At four o'clock she'd go and make him take his turn as night nurse.

a rage. "Better than you love me. Are you really conceited enough to think that you'll ever make enough money to live on? All this careers-for-women business is nonsense. Women were made to look attractive, to be charming, and to be kept by man. You can't get away from it. It's one of the fundamental laws of nature. It's persisted throughout the centuries, and it'll persist as long as life endures."

"So that's what you think, is it?" Diana had been dangerously calm. "I'd no idea you were so reactionary. Well, I think it's only fair to warn you that I intend to go on with my career, and that marriage to you, in view of our widely differing opinions, would be disastrous."

With that, she had left him,

Short Story :- :-

By Maboth Moseley

It was after Horace had taken her place in the chair beside the faintly glowing gas fire, that Collingham had another brief return to consciousness, which was followed by a relapse into delirium.

Horace could make no sense at all out of the rambling sentences. What he did understand was the injured man's constant repetition of the name, Diana.

"Do send for Diana... No, I despise you... I don't believe a word of it... It's frightfully hot... yes, the climate in Brazil is very trying... Mosecow? No, not the first time... Collingham's voice trailed on. "If only I could see her, just once more. Diana! Why aren't you here? Didn't they send for you? I say..."

Horace shook his head sympathetically. Poor chap, he thought, it sounds like one of those unhappy love affairs you read about in the papers, where the chap ends up with his head in the gas oven.

Collingham's mind was a strange, confused phantasmagoria, the motif of which was his quarrel with Diana. Although, in imagination, he was again visiting familiar places, Diana was with him, always there, always elusive. And, somehow, he lived over again that period of his life which had culminated in the final quarrel and ultimate separation.

Strangely enough, he realised, in his unconscious state, how foolish and intolerant he had been. When, as university students, he and Diana had fallen rapturously in love, time had seemed to stand still. Six months later, youthful dogmatism had caused him to announce that when they were married she must give up her career.

Diana, equally youthful, equally dogmatic, retorted that nothing on earth would induce her to give up her career.

"My dear John, it would be a criminal offence after all this hard work, all these examinations. A sheer waste of time and energy. Besides, I love my work."

"You love it," he had said, in

slamming the door as she did so. He had uttered one single cry, "Diana!" but she had not returned. It seemed that in his heart of hearts he had been uttering the same cry ever since.

As he lay muttering on his bed, he began to realise subconsciously that the whole of his subsequent life and actions had been influenced by that dormant desire for his one and only love. She haunted him in his dreams. She pursued him, eluded him, but was never absent for long. Often he found himself picturing her as she had been in those far off, happy days. Tall, shapely, brown curling hair, large hazel eyes. Nothing of the blue-stocking about Diana's appearance, yet, somehow, she radiated an air of efficiency, invested others with confidence.

That was ten years ago. He often wondered if she had "gone off" in looks, if she had kept her word and pursued her career, if... she had married.

His own life since then had not been conspicuously successful. Failing to obtain his degree, he had drifted from one job to another, drifted half across the world, from China to Peru, ending up as the impecunious author of two brilliant books, which, perhaps owing to that same bril-

liance, had failed to sell.

It was nine o'clock on a lovely spring morning when he opened his eyes again. The sun streamed in through the window, over the chimney tops, and into the shabby little room where Mrs. Brunner was making tea.

"I say," he began, "do tell me what happened. I'm feeling much better. I think I'll get up."

"Oh no," Mrs. Brunner's tone was firm. "You fell down the stairs, cut your head open on the bolt at the bottom of the front door, and you had — had — now what's the word? — con — con — concussion. That's it! The doctor says it's a miracle you didn't fracture your skull. It's lucky we managed to get one at all. A doctor, I mean. Coo, I was that frightened. You might easily have bled to death."

"That's what doctors are for," Collingham grunted. "To prevent people bleeding to death."

"Yes," Mrs. Brunner was silent for a space. "Still, you never know," she added mysteriously. "If it had got about it wouldn't have done the house any good."

"What wouldn't?" Collingham was beginning to feel irritated. His brain seemed to be wrapped in cotton wool.

"Why, your accident, of course, sir."

"I don't see what difference that could have made."

She thrust her fingers through her tousled grey hair. Her plump face looked haggard and worn, a fact which escaped Collingham's notice.

"Well," she said, "you know how gossip spreads. If it had got about that you'd fallen down the stairs and cut your head open they'd all have said you was fighting drunk — and that's enough to give any house a bad name."

"Fighting drunk?" he repeated. "But was I drunk?"

"No." She paused, gazing down at her bedroom slippers. "But I must say when I saw you lying at the bottom of the stairs I thought you'd killed yourself. The blood was something awful. I thought there was certain to be an inquest."

"Most unpleasant for you," Collingham's tone was sardonic. "But, Mrs. Brunner, this is worrying me very much. I seem to have lost my memory. I don't remember a thing about falling downstairs. What happened before then?"

"Why, don't you remember the gentleman what came to see you?"

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The man's pay day is Friday and the banks are open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The dentist comes every day except Saturday.

Thursday is early closing day and there's no market on Friday.

George asked us what day the man went to town.

We all spotted it must have been the Tuesday, even old Badger, although he was a bit worried about Thursday being early closing, as with us it's Wednesday.

Rather Wet.

The scene was the bar of the village inn.

"What be th' matter wi' old Garge," asked one of the company.

"He's got fluid on th' knees," said the landlord.

"Ow's 'e got that?"

"Somebody knocked his beer over on to them."

Shades of Dionne Family.

'Enery returned home to find that his missus wasn't looking too well and he said to her—What's up Liza, yer don't look well. "I ain't 'Enery she replied. Well why don't you go and see the doctor bloke? I've bin—Well, what did 'e say—'e said I got—"quinsies." Lor lumme replied 'Enery,—how many is that?

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Ain't It True

A newly arrived American in Shanghai went into a shoe store and looking round said to the proprietor—"Pretty good store you've got, quite modern, but heck what an awful smell there is. Vot, the proprietor replied, you vas notice it too. Sure I noticed it, why don't you do something about it? Can't, said the proprietor. "Business is rotten."

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All of us at one time or another must have found ourselves in some deplorable and banal situation haunted by literary parallels and have discovered how actual life provides the untraditional twist: the untimely hiccup; the laugh in the wrong place.—Mr. Graham Greene.

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Sayings From Home

It is plain I am before my time.—Lord Beaverbrook.

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I am not a politician. I like to be left alone.—Sir Hugh Walpole.

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It is not clear to me why God made the cactus.—Mr. C. E. M. Joad.

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The fundamental sin in this world is to know what is best for somebody else, and try to act on it.—Mr. Frank Tilsley.



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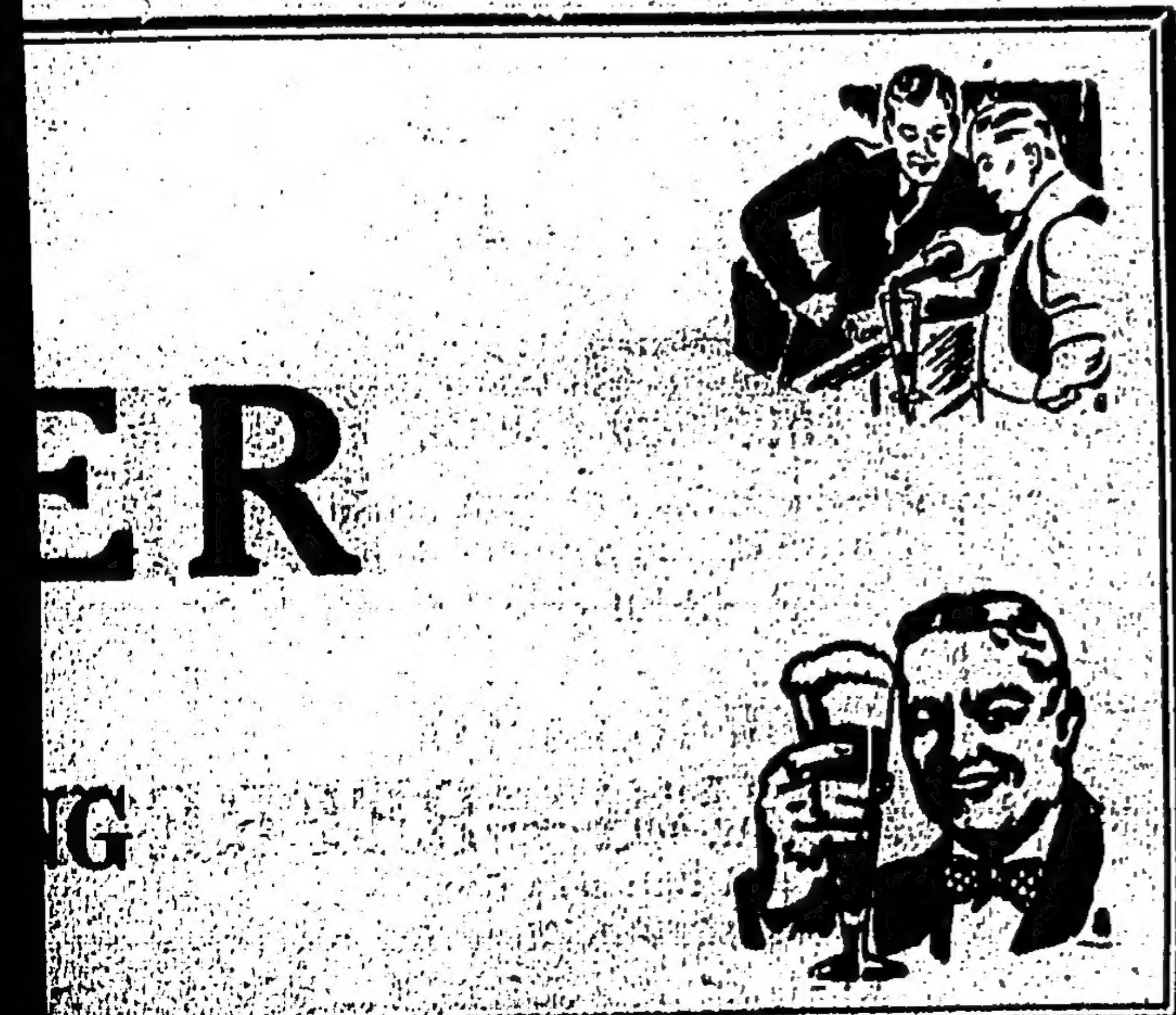
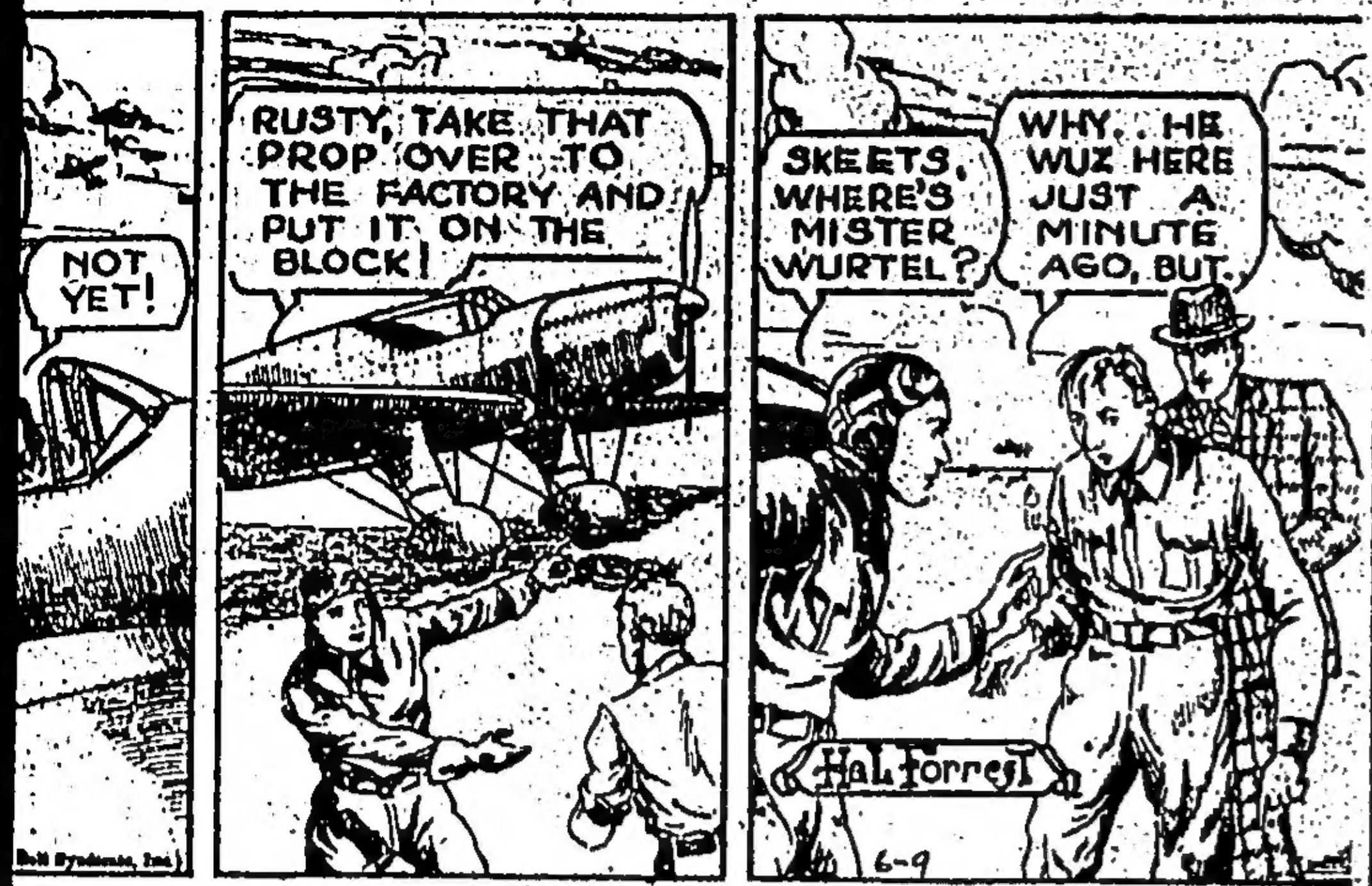
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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Mariel Nissen

CONTENDING for first place honours in this week's list of philatelic newcomers, we have British Colonials in one corner and American issues in the other.

Eventually, of course, the supply of "new reign" paper from British possessions will peter out, but at the moment it seems inexhaustible. This steady flux of King George VI stamps conveys more graphically than anything else could, the vastness of the King's domain. From all corners of the earth the stamps come, carrying an infinite variety of scenes. Binding them all together is the simple portrait adorning each issue which is a symbol as well as a likeness.

Gambia's new stamps retain the familiar picture of the elephant with trunk upraised. The adhesives are horizontal in format and each bears a portrait of the King at the left. The values issued so far, all in the same design, are: 1d., brown and violet; 1½d., carmine and red-violet; 2d., slate and ultramarine; 3d., dark blue and blue; 6d., plum and olive-green; 1 shilling, violet and black; 2sh., blue and scarlet; 2sh., 6d., green and brown; 4sh., violet and vermilion; 5sh., red and blue; 10sh., black and orange.

The Gold Coast stamps also present a familiar scene, but in a much more attractive setting than the one previously used. It is Christianborg Castle at Accra, and again the central design is accompanied by the King's portrait. The values released are: ½d., green; 1d., red-brown; ½d., scarlet; 2d., gray; 3d., ultramarine; 4d., red-violet; 6d., plum and 9d., orange. These values are vertical in format, and the following high values are horizontally arranged: 1sh., green and black; 2sh., ultramarine and blue and 5sh., olive.

When a radical change has been made in the new British Colonial stamps, it has been from a severe portrait type to a pictorial set. Nigeria reverses the proceedings by abandoning the scenic stamps and adopting a standard portrait type for all lower values. The pictorials will continue to embellish the high values.

An oval framed profile portrait of King George appears on the ½d., green; 1d., carmine; 1½d., red-brown; 2d., slate; 3d., dark blue; 4d., orange; 6d., dull purple and 1sh., olive green stamps. The 2sh., 6d., ultramarine and black pictures the Victoria-Buca Road and the 5sh., orange and black shows the Niger River and bridge and Jebba.

So much for the new British Colonials.

THE AMERICANS GIVE US

A THREE cent stamp will be released to commemorate the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. It is of the same size as recent commemoratives, 1.44 by 0.84 inches, and pictures a Colonial courthouse with two horsemen in the foreground, one mounting his steed and the other galloping away to spread the news of the ratification. A three line inscription at the upper left reads "The

States Ratify the Constitution, 1788". "United States Postage" appears in three lines at the upper right. Placed in the lower corners are the numerals "3" with the word "Cents" between.

The Constitutional Convention met in May, 1787 and in four months had completed the task of drawing up a set of laws by which the newly formed United States of America would be governed. For the instrument to become effective, it required the ratification of nine states. On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire passed favourably upon it, being the ninth state so to vote, and the Constitution became effective as the supreme law of the land.

An event much earlier in history is commemorated by the Delaware stamp, which saw the light of post offices on June 27. This adhesive is square, measuring 0.92 inch on each side. It shows a reproduction of the painting by Stanley Arthurs depicting the arrival of the first settlers to Delaware. Across the top of the stamp appears "1638—U.S. Postage—1938". The inscription across the bottom is "The Landing of the Swedes and Finns". The denomination—"3c"—is given in the lower corners.

FRENCH INTELLECTUALS PICTURED

IN order to obtain funds for the assistance of to-day's unemployed intellectuals, France has issued a semi-postal set of six stamps portraying famous intellectuals of yesterday. None of the men so honoured is new to French postage, but the stamps are issued in new colours and designs. Anatole France appears on the 80 plus 10 centime value in red-brown; Jacques Callot is pictured on the green 35 plus 10c. stamp; Louis Hector Berlioz is the subject of the 55 plus 10, violet adhesive; the portrait on the 65 plus 10c., ultramarine value is Victor Hugo; Auguste Rodin provides the design for the 1 franc plus 10c., dull red; and the 7.75fr. plus 25c., pictures Louis Pasteur.



CERTAINLY WE DON'T MIND!"—Two especially charming young ladies and their younger friend pose for the camera. ("Mail" photo).

CHILDREN PICTURED

IT is a long time since an attractive portrait of children has appeared in philately's gallery. Now comes Yugoslavia's child welfare set to make up the deficiency. There are two designs in the set of four values. The first is in horizontal format and shows the profiles of three small girls. It appears in .50 plus .50 dinar brown and 1.50 plus 1.50 d., vermilion. The second design is the head of a baby, pictured on the 1d. plus 1d., dark green and 2 plus 2d., red-violet values.



STAMP TEASERS

1. What stamp pictures a honey bear?
2. Where is Providence Island, and what stamp shows it?
3. On what adhesive will you find the emblems of art, sport, drama and music?
4. Who was General Hubert Lyantey and on what stamp is he portrayed?
5. A copy of the "Discus Thrower" appears on what stamp?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

1. The overprint "Sexagenary" appeared on stamps of the Leeward Islands used for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. In 1897.
2. A tobacco plant is pictured on a triangular stamp of Paraguay issued in 1935.
3. You will find a telegraph key pictured on a Nicaraguan stamp of 1882.
4. Hadrian's Aqueduct was built in Tivoli, and its ruins are pictured on a stamp issued by Tunis in 1906.
5. A Russian stamp, issued in 1933, shows a group of commissars waiting to be shot.



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WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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About nine o'clock, it was. You'd had your supper and was writing. He looked like a foreign gentleman. Very dark, tall and really quite handsome."

"Very dark . . . tall . . . handsome . . . Collingham's face was distorted in his effort to think. But it made his head ache. "Go on," he murmured.

"When you went to see him out you was quarrelling on the landing and you must have missed your footing, or—well, I wouldn't like to say what happened. You never know, he might have pushed you down. We were up at the top of the house, but we heard the thud all right. When we got into the hall the man had gone, and you was lying in a pool of blood," she concluded, with that love of sanguinary detail so common to her class.

All at once, without any effort at all, the veil was pierced. Collingham's first reaction was one of relief. Then his face darkened with anger. Geoffrey Needham had called to see him—Geoffrey of the dark hair and olive skin, but as English as Mrs. Needham herself. Geoffrey had called on the pretext of looking him up on his return from Central Asia.

The two had kept up a desultory friendship for ten years, although Collingham had never quite trusted him. There was something deceitful about his way of avoiding a direct gaze. His conversation was too sprinkled with variations of the personal pronoun to inspire much confidence.

For quite a long time the conversation had been confined to small talk, an interchange of reminiscences had occupied most of it. Then Geoffrey had mentioned Diana.

"Saw her the other day," he'd said, gazing anywhere but at Collingham, "Getting on quite well, I believe, but of course, there are those who say she's no better than she should be."

Collingham had felt the blood rushing to his face, but he'd muttered, "Go on, go on."

Geoffrey had obeyed. "You see, no one can understand why she's never married. She's a good-looking woman, charming, cultured . . . and successful."

Swallowing his anger, Collingham had said, "So she's not married?" and his soul had been filled with a wild exultation, which had changed, the next moment, to a hopeless despair. For what would Diana want with a dissipated, penniless waster like himself?

It was immediately after this that Geoffrey had made the remark that had led to the brawl.

"If an attractive woman hasn't married at the age of thirty-two you can bet your boots there's a jolly good reason for it," he'd begun.

But Collingham, in a sudden paroxysm of rage, had shown him the door. Geoffrey had seemed surprised, and then angry. Collingham's own tongue was working freely by this time, and then . . . well, the accident had happened.

Thinking it over now, Collingham was still in the dark as to what had actually occurred. Either Geoffrey had knocked him down the stairs or he'd missed his footing and tripped. Better give him the benefit of the doubt, thought Collingham, but he's certainly got

that yellow streak I always suspected him of . . . otherwise, he'd have stayed to hear the verdict, or at least to have helped the Brunners clear up the mess. . . .

Half an hour later, he was dozing again. It seemed that Diana had answered his appeal and was sitting beside his bed. She was an older, more mature edition of the young Diana, but very beautiful, radiating confidence and happiness. Neither of them seemed to experience any embarrassment. It was as though they had parted the day before.

"Well, John, how are you?" She peeled off her gloves. Suddenly she might have been twenty again.

"What are you doing here? I know I'm delirious and all that, but still, what are you doing here?"

"I thought I'd like to see how you looked after all these years."

"All these years," he repeated slowly, "Ten long years. Why, you must be thirty-two! You don't look a day more than twenty-five! But I—well, I'm a poor fish. After you left me I went to pieces."

"I read your two books," she said. "And loved them."

"Oh, they were no good. They didn't sell. There was no one to inspire me. I always seemed to be at a loose end. Nothing to do. No one to care about. So now, I'm a complete failure." He broke off, feeling extremely sorry for himself.

Her eyes softened. She placed cool white fingers on his burning forehead and smoothed the ruffled bandage.

"Poor darling, don't worry about these things. You'll make your head ache. Just, lie still and be happy."

"There's only one thing that would make me completely happy—to know that you never married because—well, because . . ."

"Because I love you?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Well, that's the reason."

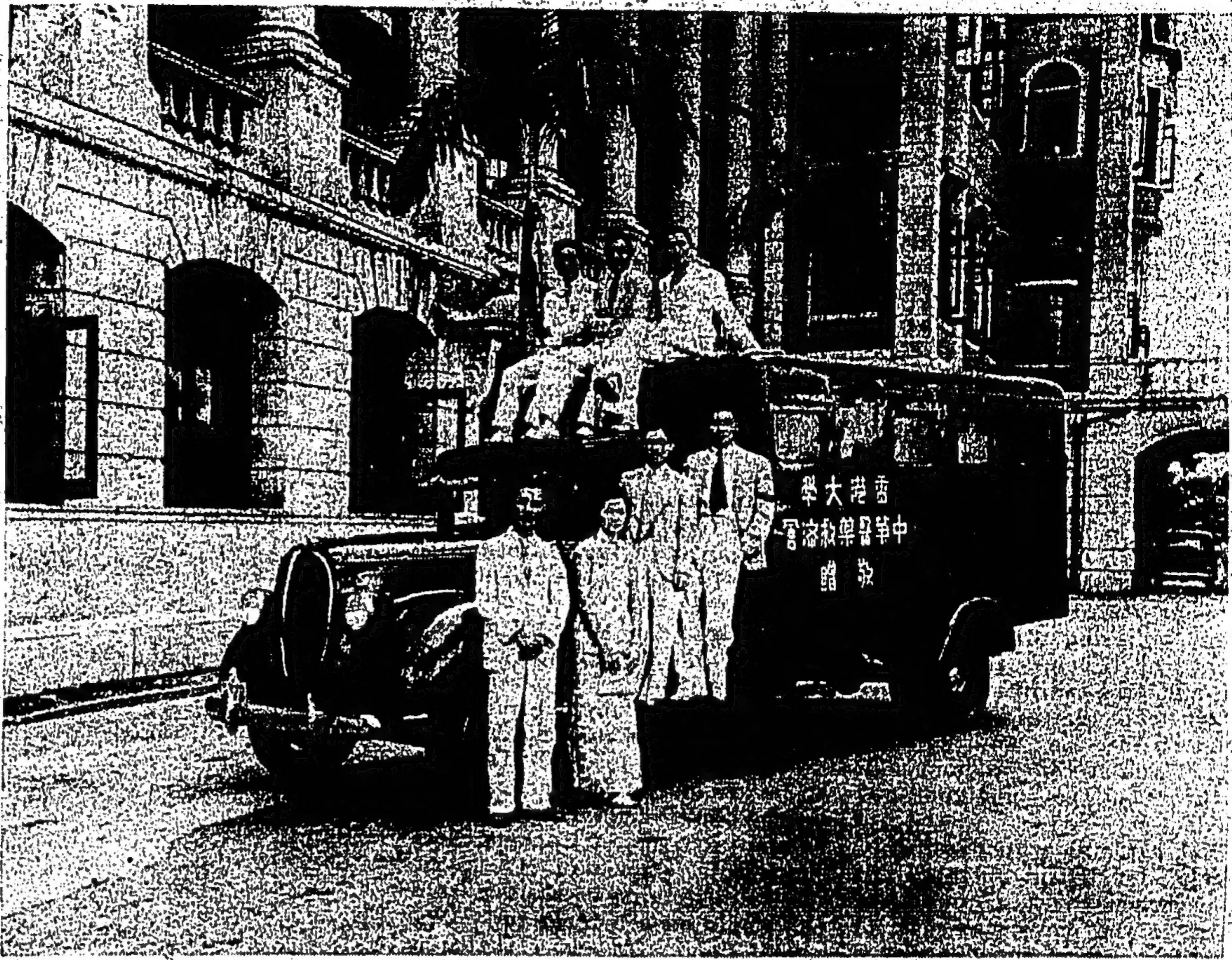
"Oh, my darling!" He rubbed himself in order to kiss her; then fell back, his expression one of sudden misery. "Oh, what's the

use? It's all a dream, an illusion. I'm delirious."

A smile crept into her hazel eyes. "Darling, it's not a dream. In spite of your Victorian views on women, I pursued my career. I was the doctor Mrs. Brunner

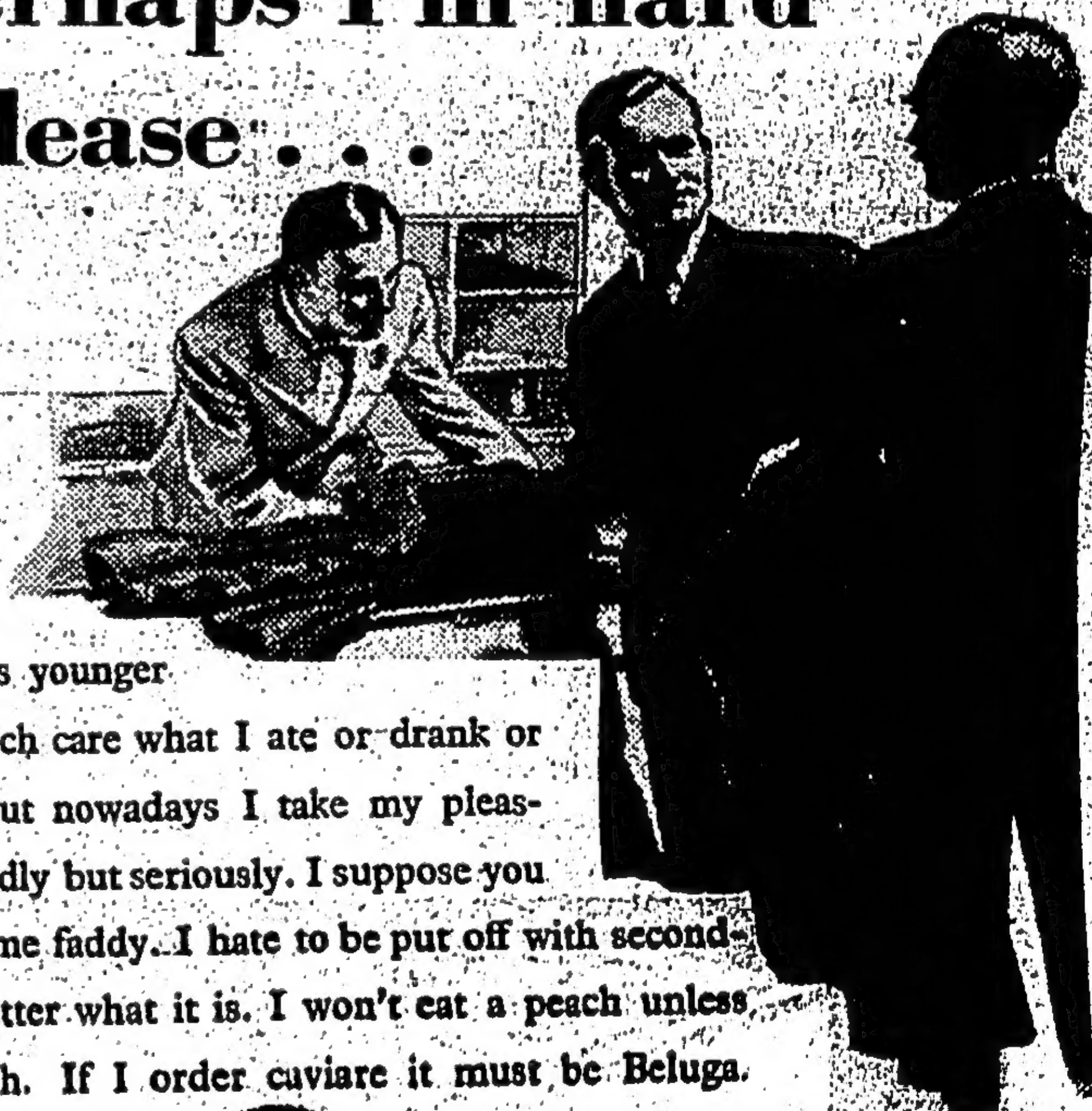
called in last evening."

"The doctor?" That was all Collingham said. But he gave a mighty roar of delighted laughter that brought Mrs. Brunner down stairs in a sudden panic lest he'd lost his reason altogether.



A group photo taken of the Committee of the H.K.U.U., Chinese Medical Relief Association with the truck which they have presented to the Canton Military Hospital.

"Perhaps I'm hard to please" . . .



When I was younger

I didn't much care what I ate or drank or smoked. But nowadays I take my pleasures, not sadly but seriously. I suppose you would call me faddy. I hate to be put off with second-best, no matter what it is. I won't eat a peach unless it is English. If I order caviare it must be Beluga.

You see what I mean about whisky.

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LAUGHTER IN MADRID

YES, people still laugh in Madrid. In this astonishing city of bravery and death, where the houses run right up to the trenches and some of the street-car lines stop only at the barricades, people still laugh, children play in the streets, men stop to read the comic papers as well as war news. The shell holes of the night before are often filled in by dawn, so valiantly do the Madrilenos struggle to patch up their city.

A million people living on the front lines of a nation at war! You never know when a shell is going to fall. Or where. Imagine yourself sitting in the front room of your third-floor apartment calmly polishing your eyeglasses when a shell comes through the wall and explodes like a thunder-clap beneath the sofa. If you are sitting on the sofa, you are out of luck. If you are at the other side of the room, you may not get killed.

That explains why practically nobody in Madrid bothers to move when the big guns are heard. If you move, you may as likely as not move into the wrong place.

The Telefonica, Madrid's ridged skyscraper, is still standing, proud but ragged, its telephone girls at work inside. The post office has no windowpanes left, but the mail still goes out. Most of the hotels have gaping holes in their walls but their undamaged rooms still house paying guests, for one must live somewhere. If one of the halls on an upper floor leads straight out into space—door and balcony having been shot away—the desk clerk explains this carefully to you as you register.

One morning after a heavy shelling, a friend passed a house which had been struck during the night. Part of the front wall was lying in the yard; the shell had carried with it the top of the family piano. Yet, there at the piano sat the young daughter of the house, very clean and starched, her hair brushed and braided, her face shining. Diligently she was beating out a little waltz. When passers-by asked about the damage, calling through the shell hole, the child said, "Yes, an obus came right through here last night. I'm going to help clean

up the yard after a while, but I have to practice my lessons now. My music teacher'll be here at eleven."

Bad cigarettes, poor wine, little bread or coffee, no soap, no sugar! Madrid, dressed in bravery and smiles; knowing death and the sound of guns by day and night, but resolved to live and laugh, not die! At the house where I am staying, sometimes a meal consists largely of bread and of soup made with bread. Everybody tightens his belt and grins, and somebody is sure to repeat good-naturedly the old Spanish saying, "Bread with bread—food for fools!" Then we all laugh.

To torment the Madrilenos, Franco has been broadcasting daily from his radio stations at Burgos and Seville the luncheon and dinner menus of the big hotels, the fine food that the Fascists are eating and the excellent wines they drink. But Madrid keeps its sense of humour. General Mola, a lover of cafes, said at the beginning of the war that he would soon be drinking coffee in Madrid. He swore that he would enter the city on the eighth of December. He didn't. But on the evening of the eighth some wag remembered, and the crowds in Madrid's darkened Puerta del Sol saw by moonlight in the very centre of the square a coffee table, carefully set, the coffee poured, and neatly pinned to the white cloth a large sign reading: "For Mola."

The moving-picture theatres are crowded. One evening an audience was following with great interest an American film. Suddenly an obus fell in the street outside with a tremendous detonation, but nobody moved from his seat. Soon another fell, shaking the whole building. The manager mounted the stage to say that he thought it best to stop the picture. Before he had the words out of his mouth he was greeted with such hissing and booing that he shrugged his shoulders in resignation. The magic of Hollywood resumed its spell. While Franco's shells whistled dangerously over the theatre, the film went its make-believe way to a thrilling denouement. The picture was called *Terror in Chicago*.



E. El Arculli of the Indian Recreation Club delivering his wood in the game against Recreio in the First Division at Sookunpoo last week. Recreio won by 21 shots. ("Mail" photo).



A group photo taken during the Presentation of Prizes to the younger children of the Garrison School at Garden Road. ("Mail" photo).

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EVACUATION OF CIVIL POPULATION IN AIR RAIDS

London, To-day.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the evacuation of the civil population from certain areas in the event of war will be published in the near future.

SIR MAURICE'S LAST COUNCIL MEETING

London, To-day.

Sir Maurice Hankey acted as Clerk to the Privy Council for last time yesterday morning.

Following the Council at Buckingham Palace, the King received Sir Maurice who took leave of His Majesty on his retirement after 15 years' service as Clerk to the Council.

Later in the morning the last meeting of the Cabinet before the Recess was held at No. 10, Downing Street, and at the end, the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Cabinet, presented to Sir Maurice Hankey, a silver clock inscribed with the signatures of all members of the Cabinet upon his retirement as Secretary to the Cabinet. Sir Maurice concludes his official duties at the end of the month.—British Wireless.

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FIGHTING RAGING ON NAMOA

Canton, To-day.

Communications between Swatow and Namoa Island being interrupted by the Japanese gunboats encircling the island, reliable information regarding the situation there is not available.

A Swatow message this morning, however, states that the Chinese are holding out stubbornly in spite of the landing effected by the Japanese. — Our Own Correspondent.

LUNCHEON FOR EGYPT'S PREMIER

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister gave a luncheon at No. 10, Downing Street, yesterday in honour of Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha, Egyptian Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Egyptian Ambassador in London.

In announcing this in the Commons yesterday, the Home Secretary paid a tribute to Sir John Anderson and his colleagues for the expedition with which they had completed their survey of a difficult problem.

He said the Report was lengthy and the recommendations raised important questions of policy some of which Parliament might wish to discuss.

He proposed, however, not to delay action on certain work that could usefully be undertaken at once on the lines recommended by the Committee and which did not raise matters of policy.

For example, he must increase the staff of the Air Raid Precautions Department to enable it to deal adequately with this large problem.

PASSIVE DEFENCE

Sir Samuel Hoare observed in conclusion that as the Committee had pointed out the provisions they recommended for evacuation in no way detracted from the necessity for the provision of other means of passive defence. Essential industries and services which were mainly concentrated in vulnerable areas must be carried on and that meant that essential persons must remain and plans be made for their protection.—British Wireless.

MR. JACK JUDGE PASSES

London, To-day.

The man who composed the music and wrote the words of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," Mr. Jack Judge, formerly a fishdealer by trade, died yesterday at the West Bromwich hospital, at the age of 60.

Mr. Judge wrote the song just prior to outbreak of the World War. Instantaneously it became the favourite march-song of the British troops.

Mr. Judge is said to have grown rich on his royalties.—Trans-Ocean.

"BACK TO THE KIMONO!"

Tokyo, To-day.

A movement is afoot in Japan to persuade the Japanese people to return to the Oriental style of dress and abandon Western clothing.

The first step in this direction is the annulment of the Cabinet decree of 1877 which made the wearing of Western-style clothing obligatory for officials during hours of duty.

The "Asahi Shimbun" announcing the abolition of the decree states that one factor in favour is the extreme shortage of wool. The paper adds that in future the purchases of Western-style clothing will be made increasingly difficult.—Trans-Ocean.

don and the Egyptian Minister of Public Works, Hussein Sirry Pasha.

Other guests included Sir John Simon, Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir Thomas Inskip, Mr. Duff Cooper, Mr. Horé Bellina and Sir Kingsley Wood.—British Wireless.

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A startling rumour put into circulation by Japanese quarters in Hong Kong and Europe to the effect that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of the Chinese Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway to the Hong Kong Government, was completely discredited by a high Government official this morning.

"Were such negotiations in

KING'S HOLIDAY

London, To-day.

The King and Queen Mary both left London yesterday on holiday. The King travelled to Portsmouth to join the Queen and Princesses on the Royal Yacht, Victoria and Albert, at Spithead. Queen Mary will remain for about a month. — British Wireless.

"I should probably be under a sort of arrest," he said, "but as it is I am away with an army commission that takes in the first I have heard of it."

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NANKING BOMB ATTACKS

Shanghai, To-day.
Owing to the recent bomb-out-rages in Nanking, many officials of the Reformed Government have fled to Shanghai for safety.
Several officials, it is reported have tendered their resignations.
—Our Own Correspondent.

FRESH STEPS IN CZECHO-SLOVAK NEGOTIATIONS

Prague, To-day.
The official Czechoslovak Press Bureau issued a statement by "authoritative official quarters" yesterday which points out that the various excerpts from the draft of the Nationalities Statute which have appeared in the press fail to give a comprehensive picture, since the final text of the drafts has not yet been definitely decided.

The Sudeten German Party issued a statement yesterday afternoon announcing that the draft of the law defining the basis of organisation of territorial administration was submitted to the Sudeten German Party by the Czech Government yesterday.

The statement adds that the draft which is accompanied by a juridical explanation was received by the Sudeten German Party without comment.—Trans-Ocean.

THE HIGHER COST OF REARMAMENT

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer declined to make an estimate at present of the amount by which the former five-year estimate of \$1,500,000,000 expenditure on armaments is likely to be exceeded.

When his attention was called in a supplementary question to the increase in the prices of materials which has taken place since the original estimate, in addition to the expansion of the original programme, Sir John Simon said: "The House has already been informed that the preliminary estimate is likely to be substantially exceeded."
—British Wireless.

FOREIGN DOCTOR QUOTED IN POISON GAS ALLEGATION

Hankow, To-day.

Reports that Japanese troops in the Matang sector below Kiukiang used poison gas in their attack on the Chinese forces were confirmed by Dr. H. Talbot, British surgeon in the Nanchang General Hospital, in a written report received in Hankow.

Dr. Talbot recently went to the mission institution in Nanchang on behalf of the International Red Cross for Central China.

After examining nineteen Chinese casualties, all evacuated from the Matang area following the hostilities between July 2 and 5, he found conclusive evidence that the men were suffering from the effects of poison gas.

He concludes his report with the following statement: "These cases were all seen in Nanchang, and in my opinion, were all caused by poisoning of the mustard gas type (possibly chlorine)." — Central News.

TURKISH LANGUAGE DECREE

Istanbul, To-day.

A report from Smyrna, published by the newspaper "Tan," states that the police there have opened a campaign against Turkish Jews, who instead of speaking Turkish in public as required, make use of Yiddish.

On Monday, raids were begun by the police without warning. Police squads appeared on the streets and in open space and arrested altogether over 100 Turkish Jews, each of whom had to pay a fine of one Turkish pound because they had spoken Yiddish aloud.

After a serious warning to remember their Turkish nationality and to speak Turkish and not Yiddish, the culprits were released.

The report adds that in Smyrna this measure will also be applied to all the other foreign language spoken in public by the Turkish subjects of foreign nationality or race.

The authority for this action was a decree passed some time ago.—Trans-Ocean.

Lee Ying, aged 19, died at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday as the result of burns received while working at the Tai-ping Theatre with electric wire on Monday.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN THE ARMY

Two Thousand Promotions Of Officers On Monday

Promotion By Time Instead Of Vacancy

London, To-day.

New conditions of service for combatant Army Officers, announced by Mr. Hore Belisha, the Secretary for State of War, in the House of Commons, contain revolutionary proposals. Future promotion is to be by time instead of by vacancy.

Complete democratisation of the Cadet Colleges of Sandhurst and Woolwich is provided by the grant of 100 per cent. scholarships to successful candidates whose parents' means make the remission of fees necessary.

The system of half-pay will be abolished and the maximum rates of retired pay will be attained at a younger age.

In future, a Regimental Major will be able to earn the maximum retired-pay at the age of 56, if he has 23 years of service.

Promotion to Captain will be after 8 years' service; and to Major after 17 years' service. Promotion to the higher ranks will be by selection.

The new measures are to be issued in detail to the Army during the first week in August.

RETIRING AGE

The tenure of command and staff appointments generally will be reduced from four years to three years.

The retiring age of Generals and Lt.-Generals will be lowered from 67 to 60 years; of Major-Generals from 62 to 57 years; Colonels from 57 years to 55 years; Lt.-Colonels from 55 to 50 and Majors from 50 to 47 years of age.

The effect of this will be to considerably accelerate promotion and thereby give increased pay at a lower age.

SUBALTERNS' INCREASE IN PAY

Subalterns are to receive from a shilling to 1s. 2d. daily substantive increase in pay. Some 100 scholarships of £20 sterling annually will be distributed annually—among Subalterns of first commission needing them.

It can thus be claimed that the Army as a career, throughout all stages, will be possible for an Officer without the benefit of private means.

After the rank of Colonel, the retired-pay, henceforth, will be at fixed rates for each rank. These reforms will enable the maximum rate of retired-pay for each rank to be generally earned before the retiring age and nothing lost from periods of unemployment, which in future will be at full pay instead of half-pay.

HOW CHANGES OPERATE

Mr. Hore Belisha cited as an example: A Major, 46 years of age, with 23 years of service gets re-

tired-pay of £407 sterling annually, whereas an officer of the same age and similar service, might have to retire as a Captain with £271 sterling, under the present regulations.

The measures apply to all combatant corps of the Army and come into operation on August 1.

No Officer won full pay will suffer compulsory retirement as a result of these reforms and the reduction of the tenures of command and staff appointments from four years to three years will on no occasion cause the displacement of any officer without one year's warning.

2,000 PROMOTIONS

Mr. Hore Belisha concluded: "Perhaps the immediate effect of the proposals can best be illustrated by the statement that over 2,000 officers will be promoted with effect from August 1. In one day, over a quarter of the subalterns and captains of combatant corps of the Army will be promoted."

Replying to a question, the Secretary of War said that the cost of the measures was estimated at £367,000 annually, increasing to £600,000, probably over a period of 20 to 25 years, with a decrease thereafter as the number of officers was adjusted.

The proposals, it was also announced, are being examined from the Territorial Army point of view, to see whether any advantage may be gained for the Territorials. —Reuter.

RANKER COMMISSIONS

Mr. Hore-Belisha said that the changes have been made to make an Army career as secure and attractive as possible. Mr. Hore-Belisha also said that a new system of direct commissioning from the ranks would be introduced, in place of the present system of passing candidates from this source through Woolwich and Sandhurst.

Another feature of the proposals concerned guaranteed continuity of service in the Army, subject to efficiency. The method of promotion by vacancy up to the rank of Major would be abolished, and every subaltern would become a Captain in eight years, and every Captain would become a Major in a further

RANGOON RIOTS

London, To-day.

The Continuation yesterday of the serious clashes between Buddhist Monks and the Mohammedans at Rangoon is reported in despatches here which state that three persons were killed and a large number injured.

The Yorkshire Regiment has been called out to keep order and machineguns has been placed in position in the streets. Traffic is reported to be almost completely at a standstill. —Trans-Ocean.

nine years, so that every officer entering at the normal age would be sure of approximately ten years' service in the rank of Major, if not previously promoted. Beyond the rank of Major, promotion would be by selection to fill particular appointments.

NEW SYSTEM

Second-Lieutenants will receive an immediate increase of pay by a shilling per day and Lieutenants by 1s. 2d. per day.

Retired pay, in future, would be based on a combination of age and length of total service up to the rank of Colonel inclusive, and thereafter would be at fixed rates for each rank. This was in substitution for the present system of combination of rank and service which in each individual case had made retired pay dependent in a great degree upon hazard.

In general, the measures, including the new time scale of promotion and incremental stages, will apply as from the ruling date to officers of the British Army on Indian establishment and the con-

FLEEING FLIERS CAUGHT

Berlin, To-day.

According to a report received by "Angriff" from Moscow yesterday evening, two Soviet airmen who had received order to make a survey of the region near Lake Peipus, some 100 kilometres from the Estonian frontier, attempted to desert.

The airmen, who had secretly filled all tanks of the plane before the start, passed their destination and continued towards the Estonian border.

An air patrol stationed at Lake Peipus, however, learned of the airmen's intention and ordered six fighting planes to pursue.

The fast fighting planes overtook the survey plane and compelled it to land at the Welikolutzk aerodrome. The two airmen were then arrested.

One of them, a major named Wolkow, attempted to commit suicide before his arrest. The airmen were tried by a court martial which sentenced them to death for attempted desertion. —Trans-Ocean.

Chan Fuk, aged 34, was yesterday sent to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition after being knocked down by a taxi in Nathan Road.

sequential adjustments of Indian rates of pay issuable to officers on Indian Establishment would be decided shortly.

Monday's promotion involve the largest "Gazette" in the history of the Army. —British Wireless.

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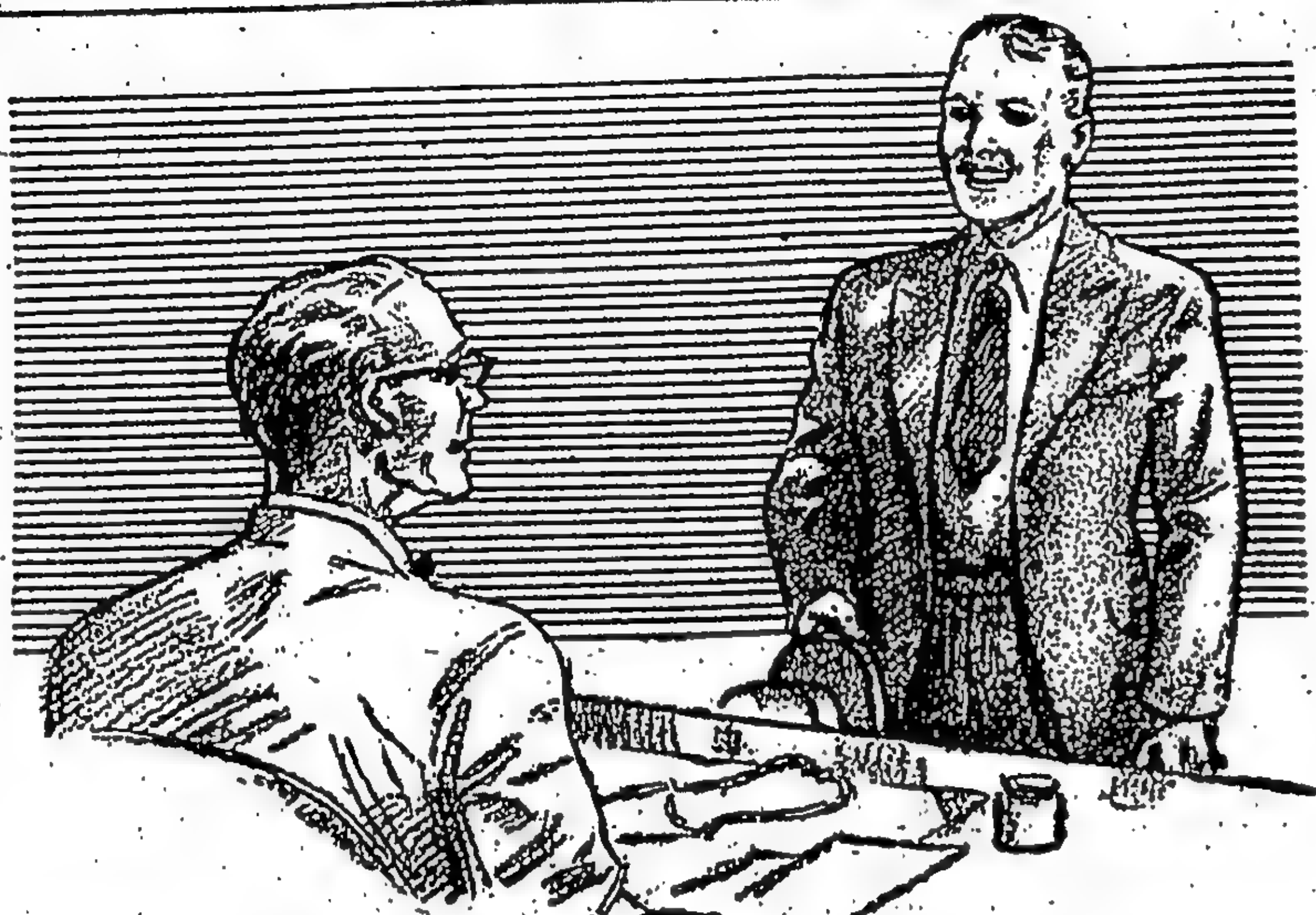
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

WHEAT CROP.

It was a marvelous crop of wheat. The best in years. The stalks stood over six feet high.

Joshua never felt better in his life than the evening after supper when he stepped from the house and walked along the edge of the field. A hot dry wind was blowing. To-morrow the harvest would begin. Before another week had passed he would be rich. Rich enough to have every comfort that the countryside offered the next winter. No scrimping. Plenty to eat. New clothes for Ruth and little Jimmie. A movie once a week.

Joshua stopped every once in awhile, thrust his hands deep into the pocket of his jeans and just stood there and admired. Golden dollars. That's what those acres were—transformed into golden dollars by hard work and sweat and knowing how to treat the soil.

There'd never been a better crop. Where he stood the stalks were a good seven feet. Well, six and a half anyway. He stepped in among them. It gave him a tremendously satisfying feeling to see the tassels waving in the wind above his head!

He walked on a little ways, parting the stalks to form an avenue, thrilling to the rattle and rustle of the wind

their sense of direction. Foolish. To-morrow the harvest would begin. He'd hear the sound of machinery. But no! When he didn't return to the house, Ruth would become alarmed and organize the harvesters into a posse to scour the countryside. Why, he might wander around here for days!

He ground his teeth. Dumbhead. To-morrow would be blistering hot. He'd have no water. He'd become a raving maniac.

A terror seized him. He started to walk again. He walked 100 yards in one direction, then the same distance in another, then in another. It got him nowhere.

The light was almost gone. He hoped the wind would go down with the sun, but it didn't. It blew harder. He tried jumping up, in the hopes of seeing a light, but he couldn't get his head above the stalks. They were too high. Almost seven feet.

He sat down. Then he got to his knees and began breaking off stalks. Might as well give in to the thing. Might as well make the best of it. He began making a bed of wheat stalks. Nothing else to do. He lay down and thought of Ruth. Good lord, she'd be worried to death! But what could he

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

among them, glorying in the feel of them against his body. He sighed deeply, contentedly, and turned back, circling a little to come out nearer the house.

He walked on and on and presently he stopped. The edge of the field, he figured, must be over to the left. He turned in that direction, but he didn't come to the edge of the field. Ahead and on both sides were gently moving wheat stalks, hundreds of them, millions of them, all looking alike. He cocked his head, listening, but the rush of wind and the constant rustling drowned out any familiar sounds that might come from the house.

He grunted, changed his direction and started to walk again. After ten minutes he stopped. A smile played about his lips. This was a hot one! Lost in his own wheat field! Then the thought vanished. Suppose he had been walking in the opposite direction from the house? Suppose he had been walking in circles? An annoyance ran through his mind. The wheat field was 1500 acres in extent. It was as flat as a pancake. Its boundaries were irregular. There were no landmarks to guide him.

He started to backtrack, but presently he discovered that the wind had forced the bent stalks back into place. He wasn't sure that he was on his own trail.

He stopped again, deliberating, cocking his head to listen. But there was no sound other than the rattling of the stalks. He considered shouting but if Ruth discovered what had happened she'd never get over joshing him.

The light was fading rapidly. In no time at all it would be dark. He started ahead once more, stopped in a sort of panic. It was incredible!

He decided to shout, and did so lustily. The sound of his own voice was reassuring, but it didn't bring results. The stalks hemmed him in like a jungle forest. They offered no surcease. The wind seemed to mock him.

Joshua took a burst of anger, he started shouting again, and did so lustily. The sound of his own voice was reassuring, but it didn't bring results. The stalks hemmed him in like a jungle forest. They offered no surcease. The wind seemed to mock him.

do? Best thing was to think of something else. The harvest. The money his wheat would bring. That is, if there ever were a harvest. If they never found him—if he wandered around for days in his own wheat, until he dropped from exhaustion.

Joshua's last waking thought was of Jimmie and Ruth buying new clothes with the wheat money. He dreamed of being scooped up by a binder, wrapped in a stack with dozens of others; left in the sun to fry.

When Joshua opened his eyes it was daylight again. The sun was already hot. He felt stiff and sore.

Then he heard the sound of voices. Two men were coming toward him. He heard his name mentioned. They were looking for him. He got to his feet, shouted. Then men came running up. Joshua took two steps toward them and found himself on the edge of the field. The house was only a stone's throw away.

He looked at the men and they at him. He grinned sheepishly.

"I—I guess I musta laid down and dropped off," he said weakly.

The men began to laugh. Then Joshua saw Ruth coming from the house. He sighed wearily. Last night he'd never felt better in his life. This morning he felt like a plugged nickel.

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American Diplomatic Demarche On Anti-Semitism

Count Ciano Gives Procrastinating Reply

Rome, To-day.

Two foreign correspondents — Mr. Cremona, of the "Christian Science Monitor," and M. Kleinherer of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency — whose expulsion was recently decreed, left Rome last night for France and London, respectively.

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips called on Count Ciano, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday evening, and made friendly inquiries on behalf of the United States Government with regard to the meaning of the present anti-Jewish campaign in Italy.

It will be recalled that the Foreign Minister had previously assured the Ambassador that there was no room in Italy for anti-Semitism.

Mr. Phillips said that he was seeking a similar assurance now.

Count Ciano, it is understood, replied that the racial problem in Italy was being studied and it was too early to say to what extent it would affect the Jews in Italy. It was principally aimed, he said, at preserving Italian racial purity, in connection with Italy's imperial racial policy.—Reuter.

EURASIA PLANE'S ADVENTURE

Hankow, To-day.

The new Charge d'Affaires at the German Embassy here, Counsellor Fischer, found when the Eurasia plane in which he was travelling reached Hankow that a state of air alarm prevailed so that the machine had to fly to and fro between Changsha and Hankow for one hour before it was able to land.—Trans-Ocean.

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JAPANESE PROMISE TO BEHAVE

Shanghai, To-day.

At this morning's press conference, the Japanese spokesman, referring to the United States Marines' statement of yesterday, in which the Commander of the Fourth Marines drew sharp attention to persistent and increasing violations of the agreement not to move armed men and vehicles through the American Defence Sector, said that the Japanese authorities had now taken steps to prevent any further violations.

They had instructed Japanese sentries in the Western perimeter to see that Japanese military trucks, proceeding through the United States Sector, comply with the agreements.

This agreement, between the Commander of the Fourth Marines and the Japanese, stipulates that only two armed men per truck are allowed to proceed through the sector.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S H.C.L.

Shanghai, To-day.

The first index to be compiled in Shanghai to indicate the foreign cost of living has been completed, after a careful survey by the Shanghai Municipal Council, indicating a rise of 14.262 per cent. in the first six months of 1938, as compared to last year.

The findings are based on the system employed by the Chinese National Tariff Commission, dealing with the five categories of food, clothing, housing, fuel and lighting, miscellaneous.

Although the compilers of the chart do not claim that the figures are correct, undoubtedly they give a fair indication of present conditions due to the fall of the Chinese dollar and the increased duty on imports essential to foreigners.

The rise in price of commodities has been accompanied by increased cost of public utilities, as well as increased municipal taxes, entertainment tax and general unrest.

It is pointed out that the general increase in the cost of living will soar in the immediate future, as "the present index covers June only. During the month of June, according to the foreign press, foreigners residing in Shanghai were unable to feel any effect of the devaluation in currency, since imported and general commodities had not been received at the increased prices.

The housing problem remains much the same, but an index for July and later show no insignificant increase in this category.—Reuter.

A 19-year-old girl, Chu Nui, alias, Chu Kwai-ying, who pleaded not guilty to the theft of a wooden box, containing \$90, at the Kowloon City Market, was remanded for seven days by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning.

COMMISSION TO WEST INDIES: SOCIAL, LABOUR CONDITION

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has announced the appointment of a Royal Commission to go to the West Indies to conduct an investigation of social and economic conditions in eight West Indian colonies.

The Chairman of the Commission will be Lord Moyne and the other members are: Sir Edward Stubbs, Mr. Ralph Assheton, M.P. (Con., Rushcliffe), Dr. Mary Blacklock, Sir Walter Citrine, Dame Rachel Crowdy, Professor F. L. Engledow, Mr. Hubert Douglas Henderson, Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. (Lab., Caerphilly), and Sir Percy Mackinnon.—Reuter.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING

Rome, To-day.

All the newspapers here quote with undisguised satisfaction the figures published by "Lloyds Register" showing that in the years of 1938-39, the Italian Merchant Marine occupies the leading position among Mediterranean shipping, exceeding by a far tonnage that of the French Merchant Marine.

As "Lloyds Register" proves Italy possesses in the Mediterranean, a total of 1,156 units and the total tonnage of 3,258,992, while France has 1,246 units, with only 2,884,785 tonnage. It is pointed out that in 1914, Italy had only 637 units with a tonnage of 1,430,457.—Trans-Ocean.

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Hong Kong, Friday, July 29, 1938.

POUNDS EAST

A £16,000,000 look to its diplomatic interests eastward: this is the generally accepted description of Britain's new loan to Turkey. Coupled with the French Government's announcement that a pact of friendship has been concluded between France and Turkey—not only ending a long dispute over the Sanjak district of Alexandretta which was taken from Turkey after the World War, but including a military alliance of far-reaching importance—the British loan would seem to mark the beginning of a joint diplomatic offensive.

That it is being waged on the economic front does not lessen its political importance. Lately in central and southeast Europe the game for political hegemony has been played in economic terms, with Germany's barter plans making serious inroads via trade routes in regions where French political influence had been uppermost since the World War.

The fact that these barter plans so often worked to the disadvantage of smaller nations has given Britain an important opportunity in Turkey. Having supplied raw materials to Germany, Turkey has found itself with nothing but credits on German production, which has been increasingly devoted to armaments, and which in any case is not so diversified as to fill all its customers' needs. Moreover, the question of price has led to much dissatisfaction in Turkey—which, having already parted with raw materials, is forced to take payment in goods at German prices or to let the credits stand frozen. It is significant that another of Germany's smaller neighbours, Rumania, has sent a representative to Britain to talk about finance.

Out of Britain's ability and willingness to aid these countries financially might well result a revolutionary change in the entire diplomatic map of Europe. By economic penetration at a time when France was unable to keep up financial support of its erstwhile European satellites, Germany obtained her present strong hold over countries east. But that hold depends either on Germany's ability to become once more a strong and willing member of an interdependent world, or on maintaining its present position through barter arrangements.

Whether barter will suffice when and if Balkan countries begin to experience the benefits of international credit and increased freedom to choose their own markets is a question. And since barter is usually pre-

A Larger Challenge

Youth likes a challenge. Whatever its years it is the aged thought, tired and burdened with materiality, which seeks the easy way. Youth, even a younger generation which has had a good deal done for it, is eager to tackle the toughest assignment. It will not thank the prophets of gloom who say a depressed world has no need for buoyant idealism, for heads-up energy, for alert intelligence, for irrepressible good spirits. It will respond to the call of a cause.

Some of the dictatorships have perceived this and have enlisted youth in causes which offer the challenge of hardship and sacrifice. Unhappily they also offer the false glamour of militarism and demand the surrender of independent thought. They betray youth into seeking solutions by the short-cut of force instead of the hard way of reason and persuasion. Their challenge is chiefly to physical and material qualities. We believe a challenge of more genuine appeal must be of the type Professor Harlow H. Curtis projected in an address to graduates of his college:

Your battle is against the most insidious and tireless of foes. Let me name them: They are these: the easy way, the wishful thought, the tempting short cut, the shallow assumption, the clever expedient, the evasion of responsibility, the specious solution . . . the surrender of independence and integrity of mind. You may not think these foes are formidable. Do not be misled. They are at the bottom of most of our troubles. They are the betrayers of men and nations.

The challenge which tests, the cause which enlists all that youth has of mental and spiritual strength will be more enduring and satisfying.

Philistine

It has recently been noted in England in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the passing of Matthew Arnold, that a kind heart sometimes gets a well-meaning author into a quandary.

Most sorts of difficulty authors get over easily enough. They do not often, for example, allow lack of knowledge to hamper them. In fact, one of the best ways of learning the elements of a subject is to write a book about it. Mr. J. B. Priestley, it is said, knew very little about London business organisation when he wrote "Angel Pavement."

But a tender heart is a tougher proposition.

At least, that is what Matthew Arnold found, it has lately been alleged. To express a not very sympathetic attitude toward the arts Arnold used the term "Philistine." He did so only with misgiving. What he wanted was the equivalent of the French word "epicier," but he felt that to say "grocer" would put aspersions on a very worthy section of the community. After all, no artist wishes to hurt the feelings of the man who provides him with bread and butter. So he took the German "philister," meaning townsman instead of gowman, and turned it into Philistine, thinking that in doing so he had escaped treading on anyone's toes.

But alas, everyone to-day identifies Arnold's Philistine with the fellow-countryman of Goliath. So hard is it for authors with the best intentions in the world, to avoid the paths of slander!

RUSHING REINFORCEMENTS

Strong Counter-Attacks Meeting With Success

Tide Turning In Fighting Round Kiukiang

Shanghai, To-day.

Over 10,000 Japanese troops are now proceeding up the Yangtse from Nanking to reinforce the troops in the Kiukiang area.

The Chinese are also strengthening their forces with troops from Hankow.

The Chinese who withdrew to the region south-west of Kiukiang have already clashed with the Japanese and a violent battle was reported yesterday with aircraft from both sides supporting the infantry.

The Japanese at Hukou and Pengtseh are still being attacked, according to Japanese reports, the Chinese object being apparently to cut communications between Anking and Kiukiang.

Vernacular reports this morning state that eleven Japanese gunboats were sunk yesterday morning when the Chinese Air Force raided the Japanese below Kiukiang. — Our Own Correspondent.

NORTH BANK OPERATIONS

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese have now transferred their activity to the territory north of the Yangtse bend, between Nanking and Hwangchow.

Japanese troops have approached to within 15 kilometres of Taihu, which lies about 100 kilometres north of Kiukiang and other Japanese units are advancing on Taihu from Wangkiang and from Susung evidently intending to force the Chinese troops to surrender the town by flanking manoeuvre.

Fighting going on around Taihu is reported to be extremely fierce, both sides submitting the other to a murderous artillery bombardment.

Railway communications between Hankow and Changsha are interrupted again but it is anticipated that they will be restored in a few hours. — Trans-Ocean.

IMPORTANT CHINESE SUCCESSES

Nanchang, To-day.

Embittered by the loss of Kiukiang, Chinese troops are furiously counter-attacking.

Violent fighting raged on the whole of the zigzag front extending from Pengtseh to Kiukiang. The Chinese in the Hukou-Pengtseh sector made an important advance, recapturing a number of points, including Shih-poling, Meilangkow and Laotashan. The rear of the Japanese occupying Kiukiang is threatened.

Chinese reinforcements dispatched to the Poyang Lake sector have succeeded in cutting Japanese communications between Kiukiang and Kutang.

Chinese military reports claim that heavy Chinese reinforcements are still guarding the Lion Hill sector. A Japanese attack yesterday was repulsed. — Central News.

JAPANESE LOSSES

Shanghai, To-day.

Indicative of the intensity of fighting in the Poyang sector (in southwest China) about 2,600

casualties were suffered by the Japanese on July 26 and 27. — Central News.

BRITISH TRADE IN BALKANS

London, To-day.

The Cabinet will meet to-day for the last time before the Parliamentary recess and will deal principally with Britain's trade relations with the Central and South-East European countries, which were discussed in yesterday's session.

Most of Cabinet Ministers will leave London on Friday but "The Times" says that Lord Halifax will remain in constant touch with the Foreign Office and leave his coun-

HANKOW RAIDERS INTERCEPTED

Hankow, To-day.

Thirty-six Chinese planes intercepted Japanese aircraft yesterday morning when the air-raid alarm was sounded.

Official details of the clash have not yet been released. — Our Own Correspondent.

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Officer Killed
In Air Raid**

Madrid, To-day.

A Danish non-intervention Officer, Albert Moyell, and a sailor aboard the British ship "Kellwyn" were killed and four others of the crew wounded when the ship was struck by shrapnel, during a raid by insurgent planes which dropped 116 bombs. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Bombs were dropped by Nationalist planes on a British steamer in the port of Valencia yesterday.

The name of the British steamer is unknown. A non-intervention committee observer named Moyll is reported to have been killed.

It is officially confirmed in London yesterday that the British steamer "Dellwyn" was bombed and sunk in the port of Gandia, 40 miles south of Valencia, during an air-raid on Tuesday evening.

The "Dellwyn" was unloading coal when the attack took place.

The attack was carried out by a plane that cruised at reduced speed over the port dropping four bombs one of which struck the "Dellwyn."

A storehouse which is owned by a British Company was struck by incendiary bombs. Some workers' tenements were likewise hit.

DESTROYER WATCHES

The attack on the "Dellwyn" was witnessed by the crew of a British destroyer that was at an anchorage outside the port when the raid took place. An official statement on the bombardment of the "Dellwyn" will be made in the House of Commons to-day. — Trans-Ocean.

**MIGHTY FORCES
WORKING
AGAINST US?**

London, To-day.

In course of the debate yesterday Lord Halifax said: "The Government greatly regrets that it has proved impossible so far, to stabilise the relations between Italy and France in a similar manner as the relations between Britain and Italy were stabilised through the Anglo-Italian Agreement."

While declining to examine reasons for the failure of the endeavours in this direction, the Foreign Secretary pointed out that apparently, "mighty forces are at work in the world which are striving to make difficult the negotiations between England and the other Powers, still more difficult."

Referring to his conversation with Chancellor Hitler's Adjutant, Captain Wiedemann, the Foreign Secretary said that the talk had provided a welcome opportunity for ascertaining the mutual viewpoint. Although the conversation had revealed certain divergences of opinion, it also showed that Germany and England were both anxious to improve the relations between the two countries.

The Minister pointed out that the Czech question was discussed in detail during the conversation and he stressed that the British Government has confidence that Germany will help the British Government to reach a peaceful settlement of the question. — Trans-Ocean.

**FRENCH NAVAL
PROBLEM**

Paris, To-day.

The possibility of a temporary abolition of the forty-hour week at the French navy yards was indicated by the Minister for Marine, M. Campinchi, in a speech before workers in the navy yard at Brest yesterday.

The Minister declared that the 40-hour week was seriously disturbing French naval armament since it was increasing construction costs of French warships and preventing speedy progress in construction. — Trans-Ocean.

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